HOUSE BILL 254

By Odom

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, relative to health educators.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

68-1-124. On and after the effective date of this act, the department of health may only employ persons as new hires as health educators who are certified health education specialists as certified by the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 2, Part 6, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

68-2-611. On and after the effective date of this act, a county department may only employ persons as new hires as health educators who are certified health education specialists as certified by the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 2, Part 7, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

68-2-706. On and after the effective date of this act, a district health department under this part may only employ persons as new hires as health educators who are certified health education specialists as certified by the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.